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SUBJECT: MPLA ASSUMES CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR

1. THE MPLA SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY, DAVID AIRES MACHADO ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON AUGUST 11 IN WHICH HE ASSUMED CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY AND EXPLAINED HIS ACTION.

2. QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE MINISTER OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY, ANTONIO DEMBO (UNITA) AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY ISAAC JACOB (FNLA) HAVZHLEFT LUANDA WITHOUT GIVING ANY EXPLANATION FOR THEIR ACTION AND WITHOUT NAMING SUBSTITUTES TO ALLOW CONTINUED OPERATION. IN VIEW, MOREOVER, OF THE NEED TO GUARANTEE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MINISTRY AND ITS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, AND, IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO ASSUME THE HIGH RESPONSIBILITY TO WHICH WE COMMITTED OURSELVES BEFORE THE NATIONS AND THE PEOPLE; THEREFORE:

1. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY DAVID AIRES MACHADO, ASSUMES CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY.

2. ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE MINISTRY SHALL BE DEALT WITH
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THROUGH HIS OFFICE.

3. THE DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE MINISTRY WILL TAKE UP ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR SERVICES WITH THE COMRADE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY, OR WITH THOSE TO WHOM HE DELEGATES POWER. UNQUOTE

3. UPON ASSUMING CHARGE, THE NEW ACTING MINISTER AUTHORIZED THE SEVERAL DIRECTORATES GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY TO FILL POSTS VACATED BY DEPARTING PORTUGUESE, EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THESE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY OFF THE ROLES AND IN SOME CASES WILL BE RETURNING UNDER A NEW LAW, THE "LEI DE COOPERANTES", WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO RECEIVE PART OF THEIR SALARY IN PORTUGUESE ESCUDOS AND REMAIN WITHIN THE PORTUGUESE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

4. MACHADO ALSO DECREED THAT MINISTRY EMPLOYEES WILL WORK A FULL DAY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO THEM. INFRACTIONS WILL BE SEVERELY PUNISHED. WORKERS COMMITTEES ARE TO CARRY OUT CLARIFICATION CAMPAIGNS AMONG THE EMPLOYEES ON SUCH ISSUES AS TRIBALISM, RACISM, REGIONALISM, OPPORTUNISM AND CORRUPTION.
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